

GEN. FRANCIS VINTON GREENE, THE NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER, IN CHARACTERISTIC POSES SKETCHED FROM LIFE TO-DAY BY HAYDON JONES.



HE GAMBLER IN DICK CANFIELD'S

One of Jerome's Millionaire Witnesses Admits that He Played in the Fine House on Forty-fourth Street.

HIS NAME IS KEPT SECRET.

From an announcement made by District-Attorney Jerome this afternoon it appears that he has succeeded in getting the evidence he was after against Richard Canfield.

Mr. Jerome said that at a session of his secret "John Doe" proceedings he had secured the presence of a millionaire who had confessed that he had gambled in Canfield's house at No. 5 East Forty-fourth street.

The name of this witness is not given, nor is there any clue to his identity as yet. The District-Attorney appeared to be jubilant over the outcome of his efforts to fasten the crime of keeping a gambling-house upon Richard Canfield.

The raid upon Canfield's house on Dec. 1 was successful only in so far as it served to establish that there were gambling implements in Canfield's house. No direct evidence was at hand to associate him with the ownership or management of the place as a gambling resort. To secure this evidence the District-Attorney secured the names of probably a score of wealthy men who have been known to gamble for diversion, and arranged to have them called to a secret hearing before Justice Jesse Lewisohn, who refused to answer, is now technically under arrest.

It is thought that the District-Attorney believes that he can get enough men who will not refuse to answer to make a case against Canfield sufficiently strong to cause his indictment long before the Court of Appeals can pass upon the Lewisohn case.

SUICIDE IN BUSY STREET.

Fashionably Dressed Woman Takes Carbolic Acid.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 23.—A hand-somely dressed young woman left a Long Hill car in Elizabeth avenue, and, after walking a few yards, raised a bottle of carbolic acid to her lips and drained the contents. People living in No. 26 Elizabeth avenue summoned assistance. The woman died as she was being taken to St. Barnabas's hospital. The poison was purchased at L. H. Bennett's drug store, in Lincoln Park, the fashionable residence section of the city. No clue to her identity could be discovered, and the body was removed to Holie's morgue. The police believe the woman was a stranger in Newark. She was apparently about thirty-five years of age.

MISS PUTIER DEFENDS NAME

Asks Leave to Disprove Charges in a Divorce Case.

Miss Anna Putier, a trained nurse, and the daughter of a Brooklyn physician, applied to the Brooklyn Supreme Court this afternoon for permission to defend her name which, she claimed, was unjustly attacked in the bill for suit for divorce brought by Lella Moore Newman against Walter George Newman, a Wall street broker.

Miss Putier stated in her petition that she was named with several other co-defendants, and that she was a nurse for Mrs. Newman during a long sickness.

GREENE, NEW POLICE HEAD, TELLS PLANS.

Commissioner Who Succeeds Partridge Says He Will Do the Very Best He Can and that He Is Assured of the Mayor's Hearty Co-operation.

Gen. Francis Vinton Greene was appointed Police Commissioner by Mayor Low to-day. He will take office on Jan. 1, when the resignation of Commissioner Partridge takes effect.

The appointment of Gen. Greene is satisfactory to the Republican machine and undoubtedly to the reform element in the fusion ranks. It is understood that before Gen. Greene accepted the place he stipulated that the next Legislature shall make the term of the Police Commissioner five years, and that this stipulation was agreed to by Mayor Low. Gen. Greene, The Evening World is informed, insisted that if he took the place he wanted a chance to make a success of his administration and refused to consider the proposition to serve out the remainder of the term of Commissioner Partridge.

Gen. Greene was seen at his office at No. 115 Broadway soon after his appointment was announced. He is a director in the Eastern Trust Company, a concern he was instrumental in organizing after severing his active connection with the Barber Asphalt Company.

Gen. Greene's Statement.

"I knew two days ago that I was to be appointed," said Gen. Greene. "The Mayor sent me word last Sunday night that he wanted to see me at his house on Monday morning. I called on him and he tendered me the place. After a lengthy discussion I accepted it. I want it clearly understood that this is the Mayor's appointment and not Gov. Odell's or anybody else's. I haven't solicited the job, nor have my friends solicited it for me to the best of my knowledge. I am going into Mulberry street to do the very best I can. Mayor Low has assured me that I will not be hampered and will have the benefit of his hearty support.

"Should I meet with success, much of it will be due to the good commencement made by Commissioner Partridge. He found the force in bad shape, but he has cleaned it up wonderfully. It is on a much better footing to-day than it was when he took hold. He has performed a tremendous amount of work and is entitled to a great deal more credit than has been given him.

"I am not indulging in futures. It would be useless for me to try to outline any plans at this time. I am going to give the facts to the press as they develop. The public shall have full and free information and they can form their own conclusions about the way I am running things.

Gen. Greene was asked if he had given any thought to the appointment of deputies.

"I consider Deputy Commissioners Epstein and Piper first-class men," replied the General. "I have given some thought

HEADLESS BODY IN ERIE BASIN.

Charles Lomar Finds Lower Part of a Man, Who Had Apparently Been Chopped in Half.

AXE PROBABLY WAS USED.

Part of the body of a man was found in the East River off the Erie Basin this afternoon under circumstances which indicate that the man may have been murdered.

The body had been severed across the middle of the chest, apparently with an axe or cleaver. The upper part was missing. There was a shoe on one foot. From appearances the body had been in the water several days.

Charles Lomar, of No. 133 Coffey street, was the man who made the find. He saw the peculiar bundle floating about and dragged it ashore.

He was almost overcome when he saw what he had. He at once called a policeman of the Hamilton avenue station, who had the body sent to the Morgue. The police then went to work to find out how the body came in the water.

Like the Guldensuppe case, the head being missing, it will be difficult to get a clue. It will be necessary to establish the identity of the corpse before much can be done toward unravelling the mystery.

The police express the opinion that the trunk could not have been severed as it was by a ferry paddle-wheel or the screw of a steamer, and they are working on the theory that the man was a victim of violence.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA CLASH OVER COREA

New Minister of the Hermit Kingdom Takes Refuge on One of the Czar's Gunboats.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—A despatch from Seoul, dated Dec. 20, says that when the Korean Cabinet was reconstructed Yi was appointed Minister of the Treasury in compliance with the wish of Russia, but on Japan protesting against the appointment Yi boarded a Russian gunboat and has determined to remain on board pending a clearing of the situation.

President of the Board Congratulates City Fathers on Record.

President of the board to-day to extend the greetings of the season to the members. He said the members could well afford to feel gratified over the result of the year's work.

The Board of Aldermen for the year 1902 has made a history of which it can well be proud," said the Chairman. "There has been a growing friendliness and comradeship which has made my position as presiding officer of the board a pleasure and a pride."

LEYH WAS MURDERED, SAYS CORONER'S JURY

Disposes of the Theory that the Brooklyn Manufacturer Committed Suicide by Bringing in a Verdict that He Was Poisoned by "a Person Unknown."

The Coroner's Jury in the inquest into the cause of the death of George F. Leyh returned a verdict this afternoon that he came to his death on Dec. 2 from "the ingestion of irritant poison at the hands of a person unknown."

Testimony had been heard from fifty-two witnesses, none of it of a nature to clear up the mystery surrounding Mr. Leyh's death, which occurred soon after he had drunk a bottle of beer in which there had been placed cyanide of potassium.

The first witness called was the boy, Robert Westphal. He has already told many stories of the death of the old man and transcripts of all these stories are in the possession of the Coroner.

Coroner Williams asked the boy, Westphal:

"Were you employed by Mr. Leyh?"

"I was told not to answer any questions," said the boy.

"By whom?"

"By my lawyer."

"He does not represent you here. You must answer."

"Yes, since Oct. 8."

"Then in answer to questions the lad said:

"I was in the store on Dec. 2 when Mr. Leyh drank the beer. It was his custom to drink it between 9 and 10 A. M. That day he drank two bottles and emptied out one. He drank whiskey between 7 and 8 o'clock and wine later. The whiskey was kept in the back room under the sink and the wine and beer in the cellar."

"On the day of his death Mr. Leyh drank the first beer at 9 o'clock. I was in the store. He was in the back room. He opened another bottle later and threw the beer away. He opened a third bottle at 10:30 and started to drink it. I was the only one present. His daughter, Miss Isabelle, had brought in his lunch between 10 and 10:30 and had gone down the cellar."

"He poured out half a glass and said it tasted bitter."

"Was anything in the glass before the beer was poured in?"

"Yes; headache powder."

"What was it doing there?"

"The boy made no reply, but seemed confused."

"Who put it in the glass?" then asked the Coroner.

"I did."

"Why did you do that?"

"Westphal's part. He said to me before that there was."

"Because I was told not to tell anything about it?"

"Who told you not to tell anything?"

"Miss Isabelle Leyh and Mrs. McLane."

"When?"

"At half past six that night, Dec. 2."

"Did you get the headache powder?"

"Yes."

"Did any one ask you to?"

"No, sir."

"Why did those ladies ask you not to say anything?"

"They think they meant not to say anything about Mr. Leyh's death."

"How much powder did you get?"

"I bought three in a package for five cents."

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FOUR MORE ROUNDSMEN MADE SERGEANTS BY POLICE COMMISSIONER PARTRIDGE.

Late this afternoon Police Commissioner Partridge promoted four more roundsmen to be sergeants, making the total number of promotions to-day sixty-one.

LATE WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Hayward Hunter 1, Lady Chorister 2, Cogswell. Sixth Race—Flocarine 1, Wilful 2, Handspinner 3.

DOMINICA WILL ARBITRATE WOMAN'S CLAIM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Final steps have been taken for the arbitration between the Government of Dominica and the firm of J. Sala & Co., of New York, for the settlement of a claim of this firm for damages amounting to about \$215,000.

The surviving head of the firm of Sala & Co. is a woman.

GRISWOLD LETS A TRAIN BEHEAD HIM

Son of John N. A. Griswold, Well Known in New York Society, Insane from Study, Places His Neck Across a Rail of the New Haven Road.

Escapes from His Nurses During the Night at Pelham Manor, and His Headless Body Is Found Near the Railroad Track by Engineer of a Passing Express.

George Griswold, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. A. Griswold, of No. 1 East Thirty-ninth street, was run over and killed by a New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad train near Bartow, just outside the city limits, to-day. His headless body was discovered alongside the track by Engineer Lacy, of a north-bound train shortly after 7 o'clock.

The presumption is that the young man committed suicide, as he had been mentally unbalanced for some time and had been in the constant care of two men nurses. He escaped from them during the night from the house in Pelham Manor, where he had been living in retirement with his mother, and undoubtedly went to the railroad track with the purpose of killing himself.

His Mind Gave Way.

The Griswolds are very prominent socially in this city. They have a house in Newport. The young man is a graduate of Oxford and Harvard, and also of the New York Law School. His mind gave way last fall, shortly after he had been admitted to the bar.

Owing to his affliction and to the terrible manner of his death his family made efforts to conceal the fact that the dead man found by the trainmen was George Griswold. He was identified by one of his nurses as G. G. Martin and his body was taken to the Westchester police station under that name. Later his relatives admitted who he was and told the story of his mental breakdown, which undoubtedly led him to take his life.

The body was discovered a few hundred yards outside of Bartow. Engineer Lacy was driving his engine for New Rochelle when, at the carriage road crossing near the station, he noticed the body of a man lying on the other track. He stopped his train and calling conductor Boyle went to investigate.

Placed Neck on the Rail.

They found that the victim had been beheaded. The body lay beside the tracks. The head had been severed at the neck, and it was evident that the suicide had lain down with his neck on the rail and waited for a train to decapitate him.

Lacy ran his train on to the next station and notified Station Agent Kerr that they had left the body and the head lying in the roadway. Kerr sent word to the Westchester police and officers were sent there. Coroner O'Gorman was also notified and he went to the scene.

Nurse Concealed Name.

Meanwhile the police had taken the body to the station house. It is not known how the Griswold family came to know of the accident, but about 9 o'clock one of Griswold's nurses came to the station. He told the police that the man was G. G. Martin, thirty-one years old, and that he lived at No. 63 Pelham road, Pelham Manor. He said that the man had been out of his head

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TERRY M'GOVERN LAURA BIGGAR NEARLY DROWNED CASE WITH JURY

Little Fighter Was Thrown Into Lake Erie from Ice Yacht Going at the Rate of Forty Miles an Hour.

HAILED OUT BY TRAINER. SEEMED TO FAVOR ACTRESS.

(Special to The Evening World.)

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.—Terry McGovern, the little Brooklyn fighter, came within an ace of going down to a watery grave in Lake Erie. While sailing on the lake in the Bateman Brothers' swift ice-yacht "Fride of the Wind" the little fighter became imbued with the desire to run things for himself and was allowed to take the helm.

Speeding forty miles an hour before the gale a charm of green water thirty-five feet wide yawed suddenly before him. With his slight experience it was too late to go about and the craft splashed headfirst into the water, and was almost completely submerged.

Joe Humphreys and Bateman came to the surface first and waited breathlessly for the game bantam to appear. When his head finally bobbed up after seconds that seemed hours there was a hard battle to land the half-drowned fighter. Then there was a race for the shore and a half-hour later Terry was undergoing a hot bath and rubdown that made him steam. He is as lively as ever now and no ill-effects are feared by the party at Lakeside Inn.

(Special to The Evening World.)

FREEMAN, N. J., Dec. 23.—Arguments of lawyers in the trial of Laura Biggar, accused of conspiracy to get control of the fortune of Henry M. Bennett, were completed at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Judge Heisey at once began his charge to the jury. He explained all of the issues in the case, first taking up the contention of the State that there was a conspiracy. He said the State contended that Laura Biggar had never been married to Bennett and that Miss Biggar was not the mother of the child she claimed was hers.

"It is within your power," he said, "to acquit one and convict two of the defendants."

The Judge then went into the history of the case at Long Branch when Laura Biggar tried to stop the probate of the will.

Both sides considered the Judge's charge fair. His reference to the law that one might be acquitted and convicted was taken in favor of Miss Biggar.

Before charging the jury the Judge ordered the doors locked so that he might not be disturbed.

Lawyer Alexander S. Young, who worked up all the evidence, said: "There is no telling what this jury will do. I look for a conviction."

Other lawyers interested in the case thought that there would be a disagreement. Still others believed that the jury would throw its sympathy with Laura Biggar, let her go with an acquittal and convict the other two, Dr. Hendrick and ex-Justice Stanton, as was suggested by Judge Heisey in his charge.

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